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MOST REVEREND DR. THOMAS MORRIS

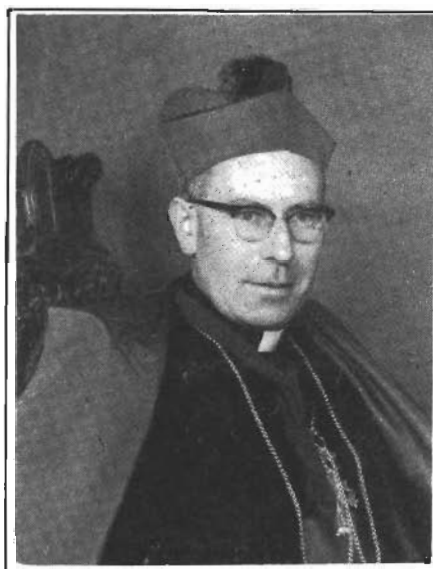
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Ta an tArdeaspag Tomás Ó
Muiris imithe ar shlí na fírinne -
i measc naomh na hÉireann go
raibh a anam caoin uasal.

Memories of Archbishop Thomas Morris are as numerous as those who knew him, but all must have some common factors. He will be remembered as a kindly, gentle man, a man of no pretence or pomp, a man whose dignified presence evoked respect, a man who led by example, a homely friendly man.

My acquaintance with Dr. Morris stretches back almost fifty years; I had the good fortune to have him as an Irish teacher for a year, hence my recollections of him are of the academic man, the man of learning and culture but, let it be said at the outset, that no man could be less pedantic or ostentatious.

The ten year old Tom Morris left his native Kilkennybeg, Killenaule, and came in 1924 to his aunt Mrs. J. Fanning at 10, Liberty Square, Thurles, and from there he went to Thurles C.B.S. where his academic powers soon surfaced. Picking up scholarships marked his passage in primary and secondary schools and in his Leaving Certificate year in 1932 he was awarded the Archbishop Harty Gold Medal for religious knowledge and a university scholarship which entitled him to a free place at



Maynooth, much to the pleasure of the Archbishop.

In 1935 when he graduated with a first class honours degree in English Literature, the Maynooth prize list recorded two Solus Awards (leaders in their respective subjects) to students of the archdiocese - Thomas Morris in English Literature and his fellow Killenaule-man, John Hackett of Ballinonty, in Latin; the latter who had few, if any, equals in academic achievement was later Professor of Classics at Maynooth and following his early retirement in 1958 was C.C. in Tipperary and, subsequently, P.P. in Cappamore where he died in 1970.

Six students from the archdiocese were ordained in Maynooth on 18th June, 1939 - Rev. Thomas Morris, STL; Rev. John Hackett, STL; Rev. John Lambe, STL; Rev.

Michael English, STL; Rev. Tobias English and, the sole survivor of that brilliant group, Canon Thomas Crosse, now living in retirement in Tipperary Town. The fact that four of the eight who were awarded the Licentiate in Theology were from the same diocese is a unique achievement in the history of Maynooth. After two years post-graduate study at Maynooth the two Killenaule men were awarded a Doctorate in Divinity.

Academic life lay ahead for Dr. Morris. After a short spell as lecturer in Glenstal Abbey he was appointed Professor of Theology in St. Patrick's College, Thurles, where his thorough grasp of his subject and the facility with which he imparted his knowledge endeared him to successive generations of students.

His ten years as secretary to Archbishop Kinane were an ideal apprenticeship for the life that lay ahead.

Dr. Morris was no ivory tower academic. As was his custom in his student days, his summer vacation was spent in the Gaeltacht at Ballyferriter always with his former classmate, Fr. Michael English. His proficiency in Irish was equal to that of any native speaker and he was deeply versed in Gaelic literature and folklore. As a student in the Cumann Gaelach at Maynooth he had been editor of the journal '*Irisleabhar Má Nuad*', and this experience gave him an

opportunity to learn the techniques of printing and publishing in which he took a deep interest and used to good effect in later life. In April 1954 he was the obvious choice to preach in Irish at the first Mass celebrated in Cormac's Chapel on the Rock of Cashel since pre-Reformation times, an event organised by the Dublin branch of An Realt.

Even as a student he fell under the spell of Canon John M. Hayes, founder of Muintir na Tire. Soon they became close friends and worked together. His merit and zeal were soon recognised and he became one of the philosophers of the movement, spreading the gospel of true patriotism which, like charity, begins locally. He was entrusted with the onerous task of editor of Muintir's annual publication 'Rural Ireland', relinquishing that office only on becoming Archbishop.

Local history was possibly his favourite pursuit and, as in all things, he aimed at perfection. He had a detailed knowledge of the history and topography of Co. Tipperary and especially of the archdiocese. He was the first bishop in Ireland to open the diocese archives to research students whom he encouraged in their work and, in consequence, earned the gratitude and respect of the leading academics for his foresight and generosity. He encouraged local history societies and was a founder member and the first patron of this Society.

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His 'Atlas of Cashel and Emly (1970)' and 'Census of Population of the Archdiocese 1841-1971' are worthy monuments of him.

The restoration of Holy Cross Abbey provided him with an opportunity to preserve something of intrinsic and historic value and at the same time provide a centre for prayer and reconciliation. The history and the restoration of the Abbey he faithfully records in his 'Holy Cross Abbey, No. 55 in the Irish Heritage Series', published in 1986. His last publication was in 1993 when he edited and enlarged the Walter Skehan Biographies of Parish Priests of the Archdiocese under the title 'Cashel and Emly Heritage'.

It is fitting then that he should have been the recipient of a volume of essays 'Thurles - The Cathedral Town', published in his honour in 1989.

Most of these accomplishments are but peripheral to the essential greatness of the Archbishop whom we mourn. He was a humble man, a shy man in many ways, who delighted in the company of ordinary people - 'I gceart lár na muintire d'imeodh an aois díom agus bheinn arís óg'; as he often said.

He took legitimate pride in his ancestry, especially in their contribution of priests to the archdiocese, even though when pointing out the portraits of previous archbishops, many from the noble families of Munster and Leinster, he referred to himself as 'a peasant archbishop'. In his ancestral line of the Morris, Carrigan, Ryan and Mullally families there were at least six priests who served in the archdiocese. Two brothers, Fr. William Morris and Fr. Pat (both buried in Ileigh Church) were successive curates and pastors of Borrisoleigh; Fr. William 1824-1866 and Fr. Pat, who spent all his priestly life in Borrisoleigh, was CC 1842-1866 and PP until his death in 1889. Fr. Thomas Ryan, who was born in Kilkennybeg, was CC in Upperchurch 1849-1866 and PP 1866-1868 when he died. He

is buried in Drombane Church. The Mullally family of Mullinahone gave three priests to the archdiocese. Fr. James Mullally, an uncle to the two Morris priests, was PP in Loughmore from 1798 to 1833. He was also uncle to Fr. William Mullally PP Anacarty 1845-1864 and Fr. James Mullally PP New Inn 1849-1855.

He was proud to be a Knocknagow man and his rural roots drew him instinctively to Killenaule, Slievenamon (Kickham's song of that name was his favourite) and all that part of Tipperary down to Carrick. He had a special grá for Thurles where he lived for over sixty years. He was extremely happy to spend the last eight years of his life in Holy Cross where he felt very much at home and safe in the care of good neighbours.

Nature and grace had equipped him with the requisite qualities of mind, heart and soul that clearly designated him for the mitre of Cashel. In so many ways he was as solid as the Rock of Cashel.

Others will deal with his pastoral achievements, with the Herculean task involved in the restoration of Holy Cross Abbey, churchbuilding, his contribution to education, his silent work in organising social services, his service as Patron of the G.A.A. and the myriad tasks of a busy pastoral life. He was a man of deep faith and prayer, having a special devotion to Our Lady and the Irish saints. His rosary on homeward journeys at night was always in Irish. Pilgrimages to Knock and Lourdes were specially dear to him. In his early days as archbishop he led a pilgrimage of Gaelgoiri to the shrines of Irish saints on the continent.

When time shall have crystallised his real worth, he will be seen in the perspective of history as one of the truly great archbishops worthy of pre-eminence in a distinguished line of predecessors stretching back to Cormac Mac Cuileannain.

Ecce sacerdos magnus. Requiescat in pace.

William Corbett

An Dr. Ó Muiris - Éarlamb Eiseamláireach

Ag an gcruinniú tionscnamh de Chumann Staire Thiobraid Árann bhí a raibh i láthair ar aon aigne go n-iarrfaí ar an Dr. Ó Muiris bheith ina éarlamb ar an gcumann nua. Ní fhéadfaí duine níos oiriúnaí a fháil - scoláire, staraí, tírghráthóir, fear a bhféadfaí brath go hiomlán air tacaíocht a thabhairt do chumann a raibh sé mar aidhm aige spéis a mhúscailt i stair Thiobraid Árann agus irisleabhar bliantúil a fhoilsiú. Ó bhí é ina mhac léinn bhí suim ag an Ardeaspag sa stair, go mór mór i stair a chontae agus a áit dúchais, bhí gnaoi agus gean ag an bpobal air, bhí gradam ard aige ar fud na tíre, agus fear a bhí ann a thabharfadh treoir agus comhairle don chumann óg. Dhein na baill an rgha ceart.

Ghlac an t-éarlamb páirt ghníomhach sa chumann. Thagadh sé chuig cruinnithe agus léachtanna, nochtadh sé tuairimí i dtaobh ceisteanna a bheadh á bplé. Focal cáinte níor chualathas riamh uaidh ach é i gcónaí ag iarraidh cuspóirí an chumainn a chur chun cinn. Bhíodh nithe suimiúla le rá aige ag léachtanna a chuirfeadh le heolas léachtóirí agus lucht éisteachta agus, sa ceathrú hirisleabhar, foilsíodh liosta focal Gaeilge uaidh a mhair i mBéarla a cheantair dhúchais. Chuir sé "Pobal Ailbhe" agus "Cashel and Emly Heritage" in eagar, dhá shaothar a chuir go mór lenár dtuiscint ar stair na deoise. Cé go raibh an tsláinte ag teip air, d'fhreastail sé ar an gcruinniú cinn bliana anuraidh agus ba léir ón bhfáilte a cuireadh roimhe agus ón mbualadh bos a tugadh dó an meas a bhí ag na baill air.

Ní raibh aon ghné den chultúr dúchais nár thug sé gean di. Thuig sé go luath ina shaol gurbh í an Ghaeilge eochair chultúir na tíre agus nach bhféadfaí meon ná oidhreacht an phobail a thuiscint i gceart dá héamais. Chuir sé chuige máistreacht a fháil uirthi agus, ar feadh na mblianta, is beag Samhradh nach dtéadh sé siar go Corca Dhuibhne agus is ann, ag íor na spéire, a d'éirigh leis teanga a shinsear a athshealbhú. Is maith mar a d'oir canúint bhreá, cheolmhar Chiarraí dá ghlór. Ba bhreá bheith ag éisteacht leis ag caint nó ag tabhairt seanmóra inti - ar éigean a chreidfeadh duine nár chainteoir dúchais é. Thuig sé, mar a thuig an Piarasach, Ciosóg, Cróc, an tAthair Mathúin agus lucht na hathbheochana, nárbh fhiú mórán saoirse pholaitiúil gan saoirse eacnamúil, chultúrtha agus intleachtúil a bheith againn. Dá bhrí sin, thug sé cabhair do gach cumann agus gluaiseacht a raibh sé mar aidhm acu féinmhuinín agus neamhspleáchas a chothu.

Ba mhór aige i gcónaí an pobal. Ní hionadh san, mar ba chara leis an tAthair Ó hAodha, agus chuaigh soiscéal Mhuintir na Tíre go mór i bhfeidhm air. An mana a bhí acu beirt gur ar scáth a chéile a mhaireann na daoine. Ba mhínic na focail "meitheal", "cooring" agus "cuairdíg" ar a bhéal aige a léirigh go cruinn an iomhá de phobal Críostaí a bhí aige - muintir paróiste ag obair as lámha a chéile, ag guí le chéile, ag fóirhínt ar na boicht, ag imirt le chéile. Ba bheag aige an córas nua a thugann ar dhaoine teacht i dtír ar an seic sa phost, ar thalamh gan chur nó ar leataoibh. Neamhspleáchas aigne agus coirp a bhí uaidh i gcónaí. In aisling dá chuid dúirt Eoghan Rua:

"I mainistir naomh beidh céir ar lasadh aca
Is eaglais Dé go salmach sóch
Ag canadh Te Deum gan baol ná eagla
Cé do bhéir gur searbh an sceol."

Bhí an aisling chéanna ag an Dr. Ó Muiris agus d'éirigh leis i a thabhairt i gcrích. Is í an aisling sin, Mainistir na Croise, an tseoid is luachmhaire a d'fhág an tArdeaspag mar oidhreacht againn, agus fad a mhairfidh an mhainistir mairfidh cáil an té ba chúis lena hatógáil. Is siombail í an mhainistir den Éirinn a bhí anallód ann nuair a bhí an creideamh agus an cultúr dúchais faoi bhláth. Is cuimhneachán cuí í ar easpag a áireofar i dteannta caspag eile ar laochra iad don chine Gael - Mac Aingil, Mac Éil, Cróc, Ó Fiaich - eaglaisigh a d'fhan dílis dá ndúchas i gcónaí. Táimid uile faoi mhórchomaoin acu.

Leaba i measc na naomh agus n-ollamh go raibh ag an Dr. Ó Muiris, Easpag agus Éarlámh.

Liam Ó Duibhir

PHOTOS

The *Tipperary Historical Journal* has been launched by many prominent Tipperary people over the years: William Corbett in 1988; Rev. Dr. Thomas Morris in 1989; Ceann Chomhairle Sean Treacy, T.D. in 1990; Dr. Tony Ryan in 1991; Aodogán O'Rahilly in 1992; John McGinley, County Manager, Tipperary (NR) Co. Council, in 1993; T.J. Maher in 1994; Michael Lowry, T.D. in 1995 and Martin Mansergh in 1996. Overleaf, we reprint a few photographs taken at various events over the years to mark the 10th anniversary of the Society. From left to right: County Manager, John McGinley, launches the 1993 Journal; Aodogán O'Rahilly launches the 1992 Journal; Ceann Chomhairle, Sean Treacy T.D., launches the 1990 Journal; Michael Lowry, T.D., launches the 1995 Journal; Welcome sponsorship from *Merck, Sharp & Dohme* in 1989; The launch of Maria Luddy's "*The Diary of Mary Mathew*" in 1991; Martin Mansergh launches the 1996 Journal; Michael Smith, T.D., launches Tom Power's "*Tipperary: Land, Politics & Society*" in December, 1993; T.J. Maher launches the 1994 Journal.

A NOTE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

My first words of '97 should, as we approach the launch of our tenth consecutive issue of the *Tipperary Historical Journal*, be ones of achievement, hope and confidence. However, the recent passing to his eternal reward of our friend and Patron, Most Rev. Dr. Thomas Morris, has cast a gloomy shadow over all of us, and our celebrations for having reached a certain milestone this year will, no doubt, be tinged with sadness. When the Historical Society was founded in 1987, one could see the ease with which the committee arrived at the decision to appoint Archbishop Morris as our Patron. "His Grace", as much a term of endearment as a recognition of his lofty episcopal office, had a great love for his native county, its history, heritage and culture and could hold his own with the most learned historians and, at the same time, make those of us who could not profess a similar knowledge, feel that we mattered. While we were the ones who were honoured by his patronage, his humility was such that it was he who felt proud to be part of our group. If a Patron's duty is to encourage and support, then Dr. Morris truly did a tremendous job. His very presence at our many meetings and launches lent a sense of togetherness and achievement and it is at such gatherings that he will be sorely missed - his opinion, always measured and considered, was greatly valued. Equally, we will miss his periodic social visits to the County Library where an hour or two in his company would seem just a fleeting moment. Even in Society circles, 1997 will not be remembered as the year of our 10th Journal but, rather, the year "His Grace", our esteemed friend and Patron, died. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

THE REAL ACHIEVEMENT OF THE SOCIETY WILL ONLY BE FELT BY THE GENERATIONS TO COME

Elsewhere in this issue, you will see the press release which recorded the founding of the Society in 1987 and, indeed, you would be forgiven for thinking that perhaps that first group was a little ambitious in their targets. However, ten years on the work is still in progress and the well of articles shows no real sign of drying up. Naturally, the task facing our Editor gets more difficult with each passing year, but then my personal view is that Marcus Bourke thrives on the challenge. Seriously though, I do believe that we would not be celebrating ten consecutive launches this year were it not for the sterling service which he has given to the Society since its foundation. The popularity of the annual Journal is what has made the Society what it is and the fact that the 1988, 1989 and 1990 editions are now sold out is ample testimony. As always, I would like to pay tribute to all our members, both at home and abroad, for their unwavering loyalty over the years without whose financial and moral support none of our aspirations could have been achieved. The tenth anniversary is rightfully a celebratory occasion for us all, but the real achievements of the Society will only be felt by the generations to come, who will benefit from the absolute wealth of material which exists between the covers of the *Tipperary Historical Journal*. Local history and local studies in Tipperary are no longer hidden in the recesses of local historians' minds and dusty records archives - they are in the public domain. Thank you again for your support.

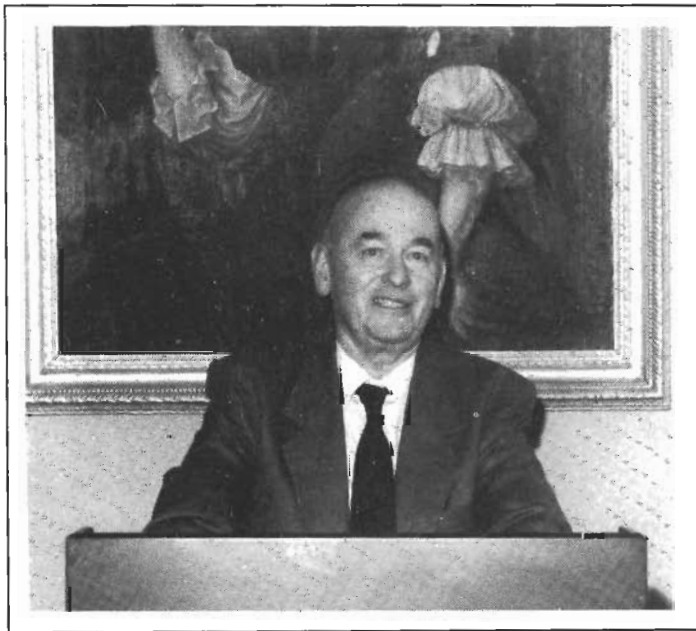
Sincerely yours, Martin Maher

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TEN YEARS ON... WHAT DOES THE TENTH ISSUE, THE NEW 1997 TIPPERARY HISTORICAL JOURNAL, HOLD IN STORE FOR MEMBERS? MARCUS BOURKE GIVES US A SNEAK PREVIEW

The 1997 *Tipperary Historical Journal* will be a special tenth anniversary issue. Once again it will run to some 200 pages and, for the third consecutive year, it will also have a special "Famine 150" section. To mark ten years of the Journal our leading historian, Des Marnane, will contribute a specially written forty page article entitled "*Tipperary History and Historians*". Containing no less than 220 footnotes (some running to half a page), this important article will survey the whole period from early Christian times to the present day and is certain to remain an important source-reference for years to come.



Lady Thurles is suitably impressed by our esteemed Editor's editing: over 2,000 pages and nearly 230 articles for the *Tipperary Historical Journal* since the first issue in 1988

Prominent amongst the other general articles is a biographical study by Nancy Murphy (of Nenagh) of Frank Maloney, a neglected Nenagh GAA personality. She places North Tipperary as the location of much activity in the early days of the GAA. Continuing the Journal's coverage of the War of Independence are three articles. A new account is given of the historic 1917 Sinn Fein Ard-Fheis (when de Valera replaced Arthur Griffith) by Fr. Pat Gaynor, a Tipperary priest who was present. Thurles readers should read with interest a

detailed analysis, by the Editor, of a chilling Civil War episode involving the future General Costello of Irish Sugar. UCG graduate, Kate O'Dwyer of Dundrum, gives a critical appraisal of the guerilla campaign of the Third "Tipp" Brigade. In addition, there is a report by Edward Law, of Kilkenny, of a Masonic funeral in Fethard in 1768 and a brief report of the initial results of a readers' survey carried out for the Journal in 1996.

Heading the five-article "Famine 150" section of over fifty pages is a description of the Famine in South Tipperary in 1848 by Des Marnane. Using some new local sources, this article contains 10 statistical tables. Dr. Laurence Geary (of Mitchelstown and UCC) recalls an unedifying dispute, over a new fever hospital in Fethard, between Cashel officials and Fethard clergy at a time when people were dying in large numbers. Joe Walsh, of Cahir, publishes two Famine notebooks from UCC's archives which belonged to the Butler family of Ballyslatteen. Danny Grace lists the forgotten priest-victims of the Famine and Dr. Tom McGrath reviews two new books on the Church and the Famine.

Four archaeological papers include more Clonmel excavations by Catryn Power and a report by Dr. Martin Doody (who wrote for our first issue in 1988) on fifteen years' research into the Bronze Age, mostly in West Tipperary. A new, hitherto unrecorded, stone circle in North Tipperary is described by Jean Farrelly and Caimin O'Brien, while Tracy Collins, another UCG graduate, traces the medieval walls and towers of Cashel.

Dean Lee of Cashel contributes a touching appreciation of our late patron, Dr. Thomas Morris, and a twelve page *Books Section* rounds off this tenth Journal. It includes a review of Seamus King's "*History of Hurling*", Prof. Mary Daly of UCD on John A. Murphy's centenary history of UCC, a critique of the new edition of Thomas MacDonagh's "*Literature in Ireland*", published by Relay Books of Nenagh, and an assessment of Dutch historian Joost Augusteijn's new book on the War of Independence in five counties, including Tipperary.

Membership renewal forms for 1997 will be issued with notification of the Annual General Meeting of the Society. The notice of AGM will be sent out in late February.

SELL-OUT!

Ten years on, and we have to report that the first three issues of the *Tipperary Historical Journal*, for the years 1988, 1989 and 1990, are now completely sold out! The print run for each year's edition was 1,000 copies, and remember that the 1988 edition was already re-printed a number of years ago. A rise in applications for membership and back issues from North America over the last year has wiped out all the copies that were remaining. There are definitely no plans to re-print, especially now as there are three editions out-of-print.

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PRESS RELEASE

August 18, 1987

Last Saturday, August 15, saw the gathering of a small group of 16 people from backgrounds as varied as geographers, barristers, teachers, scientists, politicians, archaeologists and local & academic historians. The one factor that linked this group is their concern and enthusiasm for all aspects of the county's heritage. The purpose of the gathering was to discuss the possibility of publishing an historical journal for the whole county, incorporating the various disciplines connected with Tipperary's past. Not only was the matter discussed, but a society was inaugurated there and then to realise the project.

Spearheading the venture is a group most of whose names are well known in historical and other circles and include Dr. William Nolan, Dr. Tom Power, Dr. Tom McGrath, Mr. Marcus de Burca and Mr. Joe Walsh. Thurles, as the most central location, was chosen as venue for the meeting and a lecture room in St. Patrick's College was kindly made available through the able assistance of Fr. Christy O'Dwyer.

The meeting was chaired by Dr. Willie Nolan, who outlined briefly how the idea of a county historical journal evolved and the objectives and agenda for the meeting. The recent impetus for the project came when the idea of a journal was revived and discussed at an historical conference in Cahir Castle last May, since when it has gathered momentum and support. The first objective of the meeting was to establish an umbrella organisation representative of the whole county and it was resolved to call this body the *County Tipperary Historical Society* and so the society was inaugurated without much further ado. It was also decided that the primary objective of this society be the publication of an annual journal of high quality and of wide interest.

Next on the agenda was the election of officers and committee for the society, which turned out to be an impressive panel indeed. His Grace, Dr. Morris, Archbishop of Cashel & Emly was proposed as patron of the society; Chairman Eddie Dalton; Vice-Chairman Dr. Willie Nolan, Coalbrook, Thurles; Secretary Joe Walsh; Treasurer Mr. Michael Fitzgerald, Thurles; Legal Advisor Mr. Marcus de Burca BL, Drogheda and Eagarthóir Gaeilge Mr. Liam Ó Duibhir, Clonmel. The Editorial Board

would be Dr. Tom McGrath, Ballingarry, Dr. Tony Candon, Roscrea Heritage Centre and Dr. Tom Power, Waterford. Committee members Pat Keating, Tim Looney, Willie Corbett, Jim Condon, Michael O'Donnell, Fr. Christy O'Dwyer and Des Marnane. The committee was empowered to co-opt as many others as necessary to ensure equal representation of the whole county. The election of an editorial/reading committee to vet the various articles submitted for publication has been left to the editorial board. It was further resolved to start recruiting members for the society immediately in order to build up a sound financial basis before the publication of the journal, which will be called the *Tipperary Historical Journal*. The support offered by both County Councils, North and South Riding, was very encouraging and the presence at the meeting of Mr. Tom Ambrose MCC, Chairman of Tipperary SR County Council, who made a positive commitment to the venture, was gratefully appreciated by all present. After discussion of other minor points the meeting adjourned, a good day's work having been done by all present.

This journal will provide a forum for all those unpublished papers and lectures on Tipperary that have been delivered at various conferences over the years. In addition, it is hoped that the invaluable material gathered by students for BA, MA and PhD theses, for so long buried away in dusty university libraries or thrown under the authors' beds, may at last see the light of day and be rendered accessible to interested readers through the medium of this journal. The vast Tipperary archives in various private collections scattered around the county guarantee an indefinite supply of material for the journal over the next few years and hopefully longer. The success of "*Tipperary: History and Society*", a collection of multi-disciplinary essays on the evolution of the county, published in 1985, has whetted the appetite of many at home and abroad and there is now a craving for information on Tipperary's past. It is hoped this journal will satisfy that craving on an annual basis. A subscription of £10.00 ensures a copy of the *Tipperary Historical Journal* together with annual membership of the Historical Society.

SHAMROCKS ARRIVE EARLY



The Historical Society Web site, now over a year old, has just been awarded a "3-Shamrock" rating (out of a possible "4-Shamrock" top rating) in a review by Telecom Éireann Internet this January. Telecom Internet have set up what is aiming to be the most comprehensive directory in the world of quality Irish Web sites, called "Doras", by visiting, rating and reviewing sites of Irish interest. Awarding us the 3-Shamrock badge (above) for display on our site, the following is the review, by Telecom Internet, which can be seen at <http://doras.tinet.ie>:

A splendid on-line resource, the Historical Society puts County Tipperary on the map with this professional, easy to navigate, archive. In addition to a complete listing of all the authors and articles contained in the annual *Tipperary Historical Journal*, the society's newsletters are available in full text as well.

One of the most attractive venues within this site is the "Mailbox", a bulletin board of sorts where you can see who's been writing to the society, hear what they are researching or what families they are seeking - and you can e-mail them direct if you have similar research interests. Their list of 'Places you might be interested in visiting' is apt and worth reviewing if you are local to Ireland or here on holiday.

Newsletter #8

Journal Report: Marcus Bourke
Press Release 1987: Joe Walsh
Books & Calendar: Mary Guinan
Editing & Typesetting: Jess Codd
Printing: Slater Print, Clonmel

THE BOOK COLUMN

A listing of titles of Tipperary interest recently added to stock in the Local Studies Department of the County Library. If you'd like to try and purchase any of these titles, John Butler at *Bookworm* may be able to help you - write [enclose SAE], fax or ring John first for availability and pricing details at Bookworm, 5 Liberty Square, Thurles; (0504) 22257 [fax number as well]. Every title noted in the Book Column since Newsletter #5, Summer 1995, is listed on our Books page on our Web site.

- ◆ Ag Céliúradh 200 Bliain Church of St. John, Newport, 1795-1934/Newport Historical & Archaeological Society, 36pp, p/b, £2.00
- ◆ Augustejn, J.; From Public Defiance to Guerrilla Warfare: The Experience of Ordinary Volunteers in the Irish War of Independence, 1916-1921/Irish Academic Press, 1996, 381pp, p/b, £17.50
- ◆ Betit, K.J.; County Focus: County Tipperary Genealogical Sources in *The Irish at Home & Abroad*, Vol. 3, No. 4, 1995/96
- ◆ Burke, P.; Sliabh Felim Slopes/Author, [typescript]
- ◆ Carter, P. & Adams, N.; So Close: Selected Poems/Chestnut Hills Press USA, 80pp, p/b
- ◆ Cotter, Rev. P.; St. Mary's of the Rosary, Nenagh, 1896-1990/1990, 32pp, p/b
- ◆ Cunningham, G.; Roscrea People, Vol. 12, 1996/Roscrea People, 124pp, p/b, £3.99
- ◆ Decies: Journal of the Waterford Archaeological & Historical Society, No. 52, 1996/192pp, p/b, £10.00
- ◆ English, N. & Hogan, V.; Beyond the Tunnel: The Nicky English Story/MedMedia, 279pp, p/b, £9.99
- ◆ Fethard-Killusty Newsletter, 1996/Fethard Legion of Mary, 129pp, p/b, £3.00
- ◆ Grace, D./Whyte, Canon J.; Cloughjordan Heritage, Vol. IV, 1996/104pp, p/b, £5.00
- ◆ Griffin, K.A.; The Operation and Organisation of Irish Tourism: Lough Derg, a Local Survey/Author, 290 pp, £30.00
- ◆ Haicéad, P.; In Bloody Protest: North Tipperary's IRA Roll of Honour, 1916-1926/198 pp, p/b, £8.00
- ◆ Hallinan, M.; Tales from the Deise/Kincora Press, 144pp, p/b, £8.95
- ◆ Holohan, J.; They will Remember Him Forever: the Late Fr. James Russell of Kilcommon, 1877-1957/Author, 340pp, £16.60
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- ◆ Meskill, J.; A Pictorial View of Boherlahan-Dualla/228pp, h/b, £10.00 [out-of-print]
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- ◆ Moycarkey-Borris Newsletter, 1997/56pp, p/b, £3.00
- ◆ Mullinahone Magazine/49pp, p/b, £2.50
- ◆ Murphy, N.; A Trip through Tipperary Lakeside/Relay, 92pp, p/b, £3.95
- ◆ Murphy, N. & O'Brien, F.; More of Nenagh's Yesterdays/Relay, 128pp, p/b, £10.00
- ◆ Nugent, S.; Slievenamon in Song and Story: An Anthology/Author, 299pp, h/b, £15.00
- ◆ Newport News/Newport Newsletter Committee, 148pp, p/b, £3.00
- ◆ O'Keefe, C.; Marlfield Hurling Club, 1946 - 1996: The Red & the Green/Marlfield Hurling Club, 215pp, p/b, £10.00
- ◆ Shelley, J.R.; A Short History of the Third Tipperary Brigade/103pp, p/b, £5.00
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- ◆ The Tithe Defaulters Lists for County Tipperary 1831, together with Affidavits of the Rectors & Vicars of the County Tipperary Parishes
- ◆ Thurles Chamber of Commerce Business Directory/Chamber, 76pp, p/b, £2.00
- ◆ Tipperary GAA Yearbook, 1997/Tipperary County Board, 180pp, p/b, £4.00
- ◆ Woods, Rev. D. (Ed.); Echoes of the Hills, 1996/Kilcommon Parish Newsletter, 80pp, £3.00

By the way, our friend, Jack O'Connell at Schull Books in Ballydehob, reminds us of the great reissues they are doing in the "*Disbanded Irish Regiments*" series of limited, numbered editions. Already available are "*The History of the Royal Munster Fusiliers, 1652-1922*" by Capt. McCance at £125.00 and "*Neill's Blue Caps: The History of the 1st Bn, Royal Dublin Fusiliers, 1639-1922*" by Colonel Wylly at £220.00. Of special interest to Tipperary is the forthcoming third in the series, "*The Campaigns & History of the Royal Irish Regiment, 1684-1922*", the regiment which had its depot in Clonmel. Indeed, the launch of this limited edition (200 sets) will take place in Kickham Barracks in March. Special pre-pub offer of £110.00 until February 28th - give Jack a shout at (028) 37317 for more details or drop him a line at Schull Books, Ballydehob, Skibbereen, Co. Cork.

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CALENDAR

Borrisokane Historical Society

- "Archaeology of North Tipperary" by Caimin O'Brien; February 27th, Methodist Hall

Dates to be finalised for:

- 50th Anniversary of Rural Electrification; Video slide show & lecture by ESB
 - The GAA in the Borrisokane area by Noel Morris
 - Walkabout in Killaloe with Sean Kierse
 - Visit to Matt Fogarty's tree nursery in Ballinderry
 - Annual outing with Con Manning, OPW
- Contact: Anne Reddan, Crotta, Borrisokane; (067) 27359 after 7.00 p.m.

Clonmel & District Historical & Archaeological Society

- February 24: AGM and lecture from Margaret Rossiter on "Clonmel Participants in Spanish Civil War"
- March 24: Lecture from Mary Cahill on "Redmond Anthony - Antiquarian & Collector"
- April 21: Michael Collins on Michael Collins
- May 30: Outing to Glenary with Margaret Rossiter

All above lectures at Hearn's Hotel at 8.15 p.m., admission £2.00. Contact: Tony Butler, 110 Irishtown, Clonmel

Ormond Historical Society

- "Bishop Michael Fogarty-aspects of his life & times as Bishop of Killaloe" by Martin Brown, Ennis; Tuesday, February 18 at the Lecture Hall, Pearse St., Nenagh at 8.30 p.m.
- "Mitchel Street, Nenagh in the 1920s-30s" by Una Darcy, Cloughjordan; Tuesday, March 18 at the Lecture Hall, Pearse St., Nenagh at 8.30 p.m.
- "Female Orphan Emigration from Nenagh Poor Law Union, 1848-52" by Dr. Chris O'Mahony, Limerick Archives; Tuesday, April 22 at Lecture Hall, Pearse St., Nenagh, 8.30 p.m. Contact: Nancy Murphy, Tyone, Nenagh; (067) 31734

Roscrea Heritage Centre

- Mid-June: Exhibition of watercolours by local artist Mary Dillon-Lupton
- July 16: Opening of exhibition of Royal Irish Architectural Institute award winning drawings Castle Complex-Damer House open April to September. Guided tours available, schools welcome. Further details ring (0505) 21850

Tipperary S.R. County Museum

- "Dearest Kitty: An Exhibition of the Letters of Michael Collins & Kitty Kieman" from January 23 to March 27.
- Contact: County Museum, Parnell St., Clonmel (052) 25399

Tipperary Town & District Historical Society

- Tuesday, February 11: "A Hanging in Oola, 1837" by Mr. J. Ryan
 - Sunday, March 10: "Ballyhurst Remembered": commemoration of 130th anniversary of 1867 Fenian Uprising in Ballyhurst
 - "Saints and Savages": Lecture on Ancient Ireland by Mr. Ryan
- All above are tentative fixtures; further details from Denis Hartnett, 23 Marian Terrace, Tipperary; (062) 52551

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